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SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE

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The Applicants wish to bring to the Examiner's attention that U.S. Patent No. 6,066,516 and U.S. Publication No. 2003/0089909 A1 were previously cited in an Australian Search Report dated April 20, 2004 from the Singapore Patent Office in a counterpart Singapore patent application that was mailed on June 25, 2004. U.S. Patent No. 6,455,360 and U.S. Publication No. 2002/146,868 are in the same family as U.S. Patent No. 6,066,516.

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